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Applicants: Elcock et al.
Application No.: 10/736,263
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BROADCASTING TIME OF DAY
DATA TO NETWORKED CONSUMER PRODUCT DEVICES
Group Art Unit: 2643
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